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## **City of Gahanna Division of Police**

*Dennis Murphy, Chief of Police*

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**Date: November 16, 2004  
From: Gahanna Division of Police  
Contact: Lieutenant Jeff Spence (614) 342-4205  
Re: Press Release 2004-06**

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### **POLICE ASKING FOR HELP**

GAHANNA, OHIO – Over the past several months Central Ohio law enforcement agencies have responded to a rash of thefts involving the removal of sewer and storm drain grates. On Monday, November 15, 2004 a 44 year-old female resident of Gahanna sustained a fractured leg as the result of falling into a storm drain in which the grate had been removed by thieves. This is the first injury reported as a result of the theft activity. The Gahanna Division of Police along with the Gahanna Department of Public Service are asking Gahanna residents to contact police immediately if they observe anyone other than City employees operating City-owned vehicles removing or otherwise tampering with sewer and storm drain grates. City of Gahanna service vehicles are white in color and have a gold circular decal affixed to the sides of the vehicle. Any resident who discovers grates that are missing are also advised to notify police immediately. Residents should contact the police non-emergency line at (614) 342-4240. Please remember to include a detailed description of persons and vehicles (including license plate information) that are observed tampering with these grates.

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